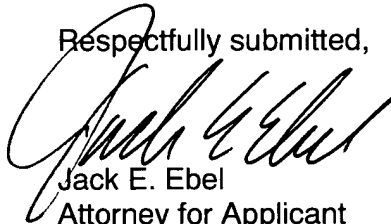


## REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 56-69 are canceled in their entirety, without prejudice. All claims remaining in the captioned application, i.e. claims 2-11, 14-16, 18, 19, 21-27, 30-36, 38-47, 50-55 and 70-72 are allowed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the captioned application be passed to issuance with all remaining claims, i.e. claims 2-11, 14-16, 18, 19, 21-27, 30-36, 38-47, 50-55 and 70-72.

Respectfully submitted,

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